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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. YOU SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO KING HUSSEIN AND ALSO INFORM PRIME MINISTER RIFAI IN WHATEVER MANNER YOU CONSIDER MOST APPROPRIATE.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

KNOWING OF HIS MAJESTY'S DEEP INTEREST IN OUR ON-GOING POLICY REASSESSMENT, AND FOLLOWING UP ON THE HELPFUL TALKS WE HAD DURING HIS MAJESTY'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, I WANT TO GIVE HIM THIS REPORT ON THE MEETINGS IN SALZBURG WITH PRESIDENT SADAT FOR HIS AND PRIME MINISTER RIFAI'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

AS HIS MAJESTY UNDERSTANDS, PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT WAS NOT THE OCCASION FOR REACHING OR ANNOUNCING DECISIONS BUT WAS RATHER AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN SECRET

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THE CONSULTATIONS WE ARE CARRYING OUT WITH MIDDLE EAST

LEADERS AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY TO REGENERATE PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT. THE SALZBURG TALKS WERE ABOVE ALL AN OCCASION

FOR THE TWO PRESIDENTS TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, AND TO EXCHANGE IN DETAIL THEIR ASSESSMENTS OF THE SITUATION AND OF POSSIBLE FUTURE COURSES OF ACTION ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT. WE CAME AWAY FROM SALZBURG WITH THE MOST POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS AND BELIEVE THAT THESE OBJECTIVES WERE FULLY ACCOMPLISHED.

THE ALTERNATIVES OF SEEKING TO REVIVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT OR OF MOVING DIRECTLY TO NEGOTIATIONS ON AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, AS WELL AS THE PROBLEMS EACH COURSE WOULD ENTAIL, WERE FULLY EXPLORED. THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT CONCLUSION WE HAVE REACHED AS A RESULT OF THESE TALKS IS THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT HAS BEEN KEPT OPEN AND THAT EGYPT IS PREPARED TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHAT IT CAN DO TO MAKE SUCH A NEGOTIATION SUCCEED IF THERE IS ALSO FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISRAELI SIDE. PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE MEETING NEXT WEEK WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN AFTER WHICH WE HOPE TO HAVE A BETTER JUDGMENT AS TO WHAT MAY IN FACT BE POSSIBLE. WHATEVER DIPLOMATIC COURSE WE ULTIMATELY CONCLUDE OFFERS THE BEST PROSPECT, PRESIDENT FORD REITERATED TO PRESIDENT SADAT IN THE STRONGEST TERMS OUR DETERMINATION NOT TO PERMIT THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION TO STAGNATE AND TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO AVOID A STALEMATE.

PRESIDENT FORD ALSO ASSURED PRESIDENT SADAT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST EGYPT IN MEETING ITS IMMEDIATE AS WELL AS ITS LONG-RANGE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THAT WE WILL WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY, BOTH BILATERALLY AND WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN AND OUTSIDE THE REGION TO THIS END.

I BELIEVE HIS MAJESTY WILL AGREE THAT THE SALZBURG TALKS WERE AN IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORTS IN WHICH WE ARE FULLY ENGAGED -- EFFORTS ON WHICH I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP HIS MAJESTY SECRET

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INFORMED IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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